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FOR VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS LE PINT

SUBJECT: PAPAL APPEAL ON LEBANON

REF: ROME 12306

1. AS YOU WILL BE AWARE FROM NEWS REPORTS, VIOLENCE
ERUPTED AGAIN IN BEIRUT ON TUESDAY, DESPITE APPEALS FOR
CEASE-FIRE FROM SECRETARY VANCE AND SYG WALDHEIM. WE ARE
INCREASINGLY DISTURBED BY SITUATION; NOT ONLY ARE SCORES
OF INNOCENT LIVES BEING LOST, BUT CONTAGION OF FACTIONAL
FIGHTING AUGURS ILL FOR STABILITY OF REST OF COUNTRY.

2. WE HOPE VATICAN WILL DECIDE TO ISSUE APPEAL JULY 5.
PERSONAL PRESTIGE AND AUTHORITY OF POPE WOULD, OF COURSE,
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CARRY SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT IN LEBANON.

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT CASAROLI THESIS
OF SYRIAN MOTIVATIONS. WE DO NOT KNOW EXACT MOTIVES OF
EITHER SIDE. SYRIANS ARGUE THAT ADF IS FORCE LEGALLY
MANDATED BY ARAB LEAGUE TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE IN LEBANON;
AUTHORITY OF ADF IS BEING CHALLENGED BY DELIBERATE

PROVOCATION BY MILITIAS, WHOSE GUNS MUST ACCORDINGLY
BE SILENCED. SYRIANS INSIST PHALANGISTS ARE ENGAGED
IN PLOT TO FORCE SARKIS FROM OFFICE AND INSTALL THEMSELVES
AS DOMINANT FORCE IN LEBANON. OTHER SOURCES ARGUE

SYRIANS HAVE DECIDED DELIBERATELY TO OVERREACT IN ORDER
ELIMINATE CHRISTIAN POWER CENTERS ONCE AND FOR ALL.

4. REGARDLESS OF WHO IS IN THE RIGHT, IMPORTANT THING
NOW IS TO STOP THE FIGHTING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO
ALL WE CAN, AND HOPE THE VATICAN WILL AGREE TO ISSUE
ITS OWN APPEAL TOMORROW, JULY 5. VANCE

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